

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1241**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Weber**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Sections 69434 and 69435.3 of the Education Code, relating to student financial aid.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1241, as introduced, Weber. Student financial aid: Cal Grant Program.

Existing law, the Ortiz-Pacheco-Poochigian-Vasconcellos Cal Grant Program (Cal Grant Program), establishes the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards, the California Community College Transfer Cal Grant Entitlement Awards, the Competitive Cal Grant A and B Awards, the Cal Grant C Awards, and the Cal Grant T Awards under the administration of the Student Aid Commission, and establishes eligibility requirements for awards under these programs for participating students attending qualifying institutions. Among the eligibility requirements for the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards is a requirement that the applicant submit a complete financial aid application postmarked no later than March 2 of the academic year of high school graduation or its equivalent, or no later than March 2 of the academic year following high school graduation or its equivalent, for the 2nd award year.

This bill would extend this period of eligibility by 3 years, allowing an applicant for Cal Grant A and B Entitlement Awards to submit a complete financial aid application no later than March 2 of the 4th academic year after his or her high school graduation or its equivalent for an award the academic year following the application.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 69434 of the Education Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 69434. (a) A Cal Grant A award shall be used only for tuition  
4 or student fees, or both, in a for-credit instructional program with  
5 a length of not less than two academic years. Each student who  
6 meets the Cal Grant A qualifications as set forth in this article shall  
7 be guaranteed an award. The amount of any individual award is  
8 dependent on the cost of tuition or fees, or both, at the qualifying  
9 institution at which the student is enrolled. For each applicant, the  
10 award amount shall not exceed the amount of the calculated  
11 financial need.

12 (b) Pursuant to Section 66021.2, any California resident is  
13 entitled to a Cal Grant A award, and the commission, or a  
14 qualifying institution pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with  
15 Section 69450), shall allocate that award, if all of the following  
16 criteria are met:

17 (1) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a  
18 complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no  
19 later than March 2 of the *fourth* academic year ~~of after his or her~~  
20 high school graduation or its equivalent for the award year  
21 immediately following the academic year of ~~high school graduation~~  
22 ~~or its equivalent, or no later than March 2 of the academic year~~  
23 ~~following high school graduation or its equivalent for the second~~  
24 ~~award year following the year of high school graduation or its~~  
25 ~~equivalent~~ *the application*.

26 (2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section  
27 69433.

28 (3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at  
29 least 3.0 on a four-point scale.

30 (4) The student's household has an income and asset level that  
31 does not exceed the level for Cal Grant A recipients set forth in  
32 Section 69432.7.

33 (5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic program  
34 of not less than two academic years that is offered by a qualifying  
35 institution.

1 (6) The student is enrolled at least part time.

2 (7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility  
3 requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section  
4 69430).

5 (8) The student graduated from high school or its equivalent  
6 during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

7 (c) A student who meets the Cal Grant A Entitlement Program  
8 criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant A award  
9 for tuition or fees, or both, pursuant to Section 66021.2.

10 SEC. 2. Section 69435.3 of the Education Code is amended to  
11 read:

12 69435.3. (a) Any California resident is entitled to receive a  
13 Cal Grant B award, and the commission shall allocate that award  
14 pursuant to Section 66021.2, if all of the following criteria are met:

15 (1) The student has submitted, pursuant to Section 69432.9, a  
16 complete financial aid application, submitted or postmarked no  
17 later than March 2 of the *fourth* academic year ~~of after his or her~~  
18 high school graduation or its equivalent for the award year  
19 immediately following the academic year of high school graduation  
20 ~~or its equivalent, or no later than March 2 of the academic year~~  
21 ~~following high school graduation or its equivalent for the second~~  
22 ~~award year following the year of high school graduation or its~~  
23 ~~equivalent~~ *the application*.

24 (2) The student demonstrates financial need pursuant to Section  
25 69433.

26 (3) The student attains a high school grade point average of at  
27 least 2.0 on a four-point scale.

28 (4) The student's household has an income and asset level that  
29 does not exceed the level for Cal Grant B recipients as set forth in  
30 Section 69432.7.

31 (5) The student is pursuing an undergraduate academic program  
32 of not less than one academic year that is offered by a qualifying  
33 institution.

34 (6) The student is enrolled at least part-time.

35 (7) The student meets the general Cal Grant eligibility  
36 requirements set forth in Article 1 (commencing with Section  
37 69430).

38 (8) The student graduated from high school or its equivalent  
39 during or after the 2000–01 academic year.

- 1 (b) A student who meets the Cal Grant B Entitlement Program
- 2 criteria specified in this article shall receive a Cal Grant B award
- 3 for access costs and tuition and fees pursuant to Section 66021.2.